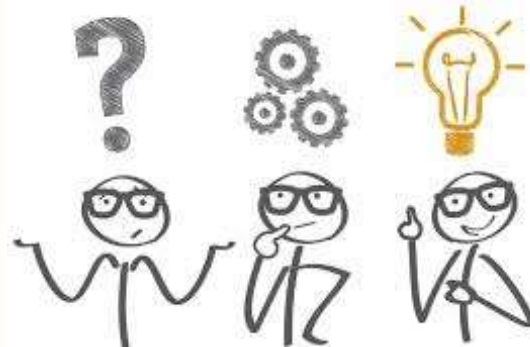


Touchstone 3

Unit 9 – B

# Questions within sentences

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# Simple questions

- Are you happy?
- Do you have brothers or sisters?
- Did you take vacations last year?
- Have you ever played golf?

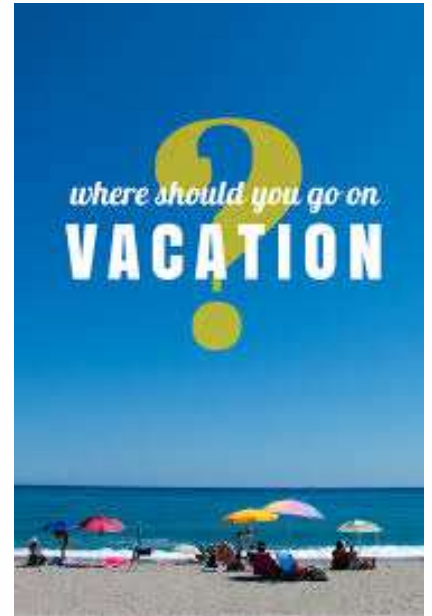


Yes/No questions just require short answers



# Information questions

- Who is your father?
- When do you usually go on picnic?
- Where should you go on vacations?
- How long have you studied English?



Wh- questions require information



# Simple questions within questions

- Do you know if your father is at home now?

Originally: «Is your father at home now?»

- Would you tell me whether Carlos went to school yesterday?

Originally: «Did Carlos go to school yesterday?»

- Could you inform me if The Schmidts have already returned from France?

Originally: «Have the Schmidts already returned from France?»



Embedded questions



# Information questions within questions

- Can you tell me **where your mother is** now?  
Originally: «Where is your mother now?»
- Could you say **what you did** last night?  
**Originally:** «What did you do last night?»
- Do you know **how long your son has studied** English?  
Originally: «How long has your son studied English?»



Embedded questions



# Something to consider

- **Do you** know where the nearest bank is?  
**Yes, I do.** There is one across from the park.
- **Can your mother** tell us who gave her that box?  
**No, she can't.** She doesn't know it.
- **Would you** say if the meeting has already started?  
**Yes, I would.** But I prefer not doing so.

*Where is the bank?*

*It's across from the park.*



The introductory question  
is to be responded first



# Questions within statements

- I really don't know where I can go to have some good coffee.

Originally: «Where can I go to have some good coffee?»

- I wonder what she did with the money I gave her.

Originally: «What did she do with the money I gave her?»

- We want to know if you fulfilled your promise.

Originally: «Did you fulfill your promise?»

These are just rhetorical phrases not  
questions to be answered



# Remember

We can embed questions into other questions or sentences, but the information we require is not to be answered directly.

- Do you have a clue if there is going to be a new budget for the company next year?

No, I don't. I think everything is going to be the same as usual.

- I was wondering if my sister could ride me to school, but I am not really sure if her time would let her do so.





*Thank  
you*



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